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Applicant(s) : Gregory Ashton et al.  
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**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

This amendment is being filed together with an RCE. A Notice of Appeal was previously filed on August 3, 2005 in reply to the Final Action of May 3, 2005. In view of the RCE, please dismiss the appeal, withdraw the finality of the Office Action, amend the application as indicated below, and reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 4 of this paper.